

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009 @ 6:30 PM**

1. Change in Parks & Recreation Camp Salaries  
STRIKE OUT  
CAMP DIRECTOR           13.00 PER HOUR  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR   11.50 PER HOUR  
SENIOR COUNSELORS   10.25 PER HOUR  
JUNIOR COUNSELORS    9.25 PER HOUR  
SPECIALIST            9.00 PER HOUR  
AND INSERT IN PLACE THEREOF  
CAMP DIRECTOR           15.00 PER HOUR  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR   13.00 PER HOUR  
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JUNIOR COUNSELORS   10.00 PER HOUR  
SPECIALIST            10.00 PER HOUR
2. Dog Amnesty Ordinance
3. Change ordinances to allow the Board of Aldermen to confirm temporary appointments of the following positions: Superintendent of Public Works, Director & Development Manager (Planning Department), Human Resource Director, MIS Director.
4. Miscellaneous Traffic Ordinances
5. Minutes – January 13, 2009



**CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

ACCEPTED 3/10/09

**MEMBERS**

James Tillotson, Chairman  
George Moreau, Vice-Chairman  
Donald Demers  
John Vieau  
Robert J. Zygarowski

**MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2009**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

**Members Present:** Tillotson, Moreau, Demers, Vieau, Zygarowski

**Also Present:** Alderman Brooks (Vice-President), Alderman Croteau (At-Large), Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Kate Brown (Planning Director), Jim Dawson (Planning Dept. Assistant), Chris Nolan (Mayor's Special Project Manager), Scott Szczebak (Interim Human Resource Director), Stanley Walczak (Superintendent Parks & Recreation), Keith Rattell (City Clerk), Janlee Nash (Clerk, Clerks Office), Stanley Kulig (DPW Superintendent), Ken Krech (MIS Director)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

**ITEM #1**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN THAT CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF CHICOPEE FOR THE YEAR 1991, AS AMENDED, BE AND IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 2          PARKS AND RECREATION**

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|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>STRIKE OUT</b> | <b>CAMP DIRECTOR</b>      | <b>13.00 PER HOUR</b> |
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Stanley Walczak stated the reasoning for these raises are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year without a raise
- Have a great group of people who have been with the camp for 5-6yrs
- Hiring 6-8 new counselors with at least 50-60 more kids
- Great camp for the kids and wants to keep it that way

Also wants to stress that this money increase will not be coming from the City. It will strictly come from the Parks & Rec. Dept.

Alderman Tillotson stated it is a great program but definitely have to let the tax payers understand that they will not be paying for this.

Alderman Demers and Alderman Vieau both agreed it is an excellent program as well and want to keep up the great work

Alderman Moreau asked if the fees for the residents will increase now

Stanley Walczak answered it will but only \$10.00 which is still much lower compared to other cities. Also residents can sign up April 4<sup>th</sup> whereas non-residents will have to wait until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

Alderman Moreau asked how many kids usually sign up

Stanley Walczak answered approx. 1,000 kids.

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to approve

Motion Passed. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

## **ITEM #2**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended be and hereby is further amended as follows:

DELETE § 75-9 in its entirety.

ADD § 75-9

Appointments. The Director and the Development Manager shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the Board of Alderman. All appointments to the position of Director and the Development both permanent and temporary shall require confirmation by the Board of Alderman.

The Committee recommends the following amendments:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended be and hereby is further amended as follows:

DELETE § 75-9 in its entirety.

ADD § 75-9

Appointments. The Director and the Development Manager shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council. All permanent appointments to the position of Director and the Development Manager and temporary appointments which exceed 60 days shall require confirmation by the City Council.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended be and hereby is further amended as follows:

DELETE § 8-1 in its entirety.

ADD § 8-1

The Management Information Service (MIS) Department shall consist of an MIS Director appointed contractually by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen; for a contract period of three years and such other employees as shall be required and appropriated for. All appointments to the positions of MIS Director both permanent and temporary shall require confirmation by the Board of Alderman.

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ADD § 8-1

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended be and hereby is further amended as follows:

§ 22-3. Composition

Delete:

The Department of Human Resources Administration shall consist of a Human Resources Director appointment by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the board of Aldermen for a contract period of three years and such other employees as shall be required and appropriated for. The Human Resources Director shall be deemed to the

managerial and confidential employee as defined in MGL c. 150E and shall not be included in a collective bargaining unit or entitled to coverage under said chapter.

And insert in place thereof

The Department of human Resources Administrative shall consist of a Human Resources Director appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. All appointments to the position of Human Resources Director both permanent and temporary shall require confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor with confirmation by the Board of Aldermen shall employ the Human Resources Director for a contract period of three years as well as such other employees as shall be required and appropriated for. The Human Resources Director shall be deemed to be a managerial and confidential employee as defined in MGL c. 150E and shall not be included in a collective bargaining unit or entitled to coverage under this chapter.

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And insert in place thereof

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended be and hereby is further amended as follows:

DELETE § 80-2 (A)

ADD § 80-2 (A)

The Department of Public Works shall be supervised by a Superintendent of Public Works appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by at least seven members of

the Board of Aldermen. All appointments to the position of Superintendent of Public Works both permanent and temporary shall require confirmation by the Board of Aldermen.

The Committee recommends the following amendments:

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DELETE § 80-2 (A)

ADD § 80-2 (A)

The Department of Public Works shall be supervised by a Superintendent of Public Works appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by at least seven members of the City Council. All permanent appointments to the position of Superintendent of Public Works and temporary appointments which exceed 60 days shall require confirmation by the City Council.

Motion made by Alderman Demers to approve

Motion Passed. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

### **ITEM #3**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and hereby is further amended as follows:

Delete in its entirety 144-20(I)

And insert in place thereof

§ 144-20(I)

- (1) Persons who fail to obtain a license as required within the time period specified in this chapter will be fined \$25.00 per dog
- (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City desires to implement a limited period amnesty program which shall expire on April 30, 2009. The amnesty program is being implemented in order to encourage persons with no or delinquent dog license to properly vaccinate and license their dogs on a voluntary basis.
- (3) In order to encourage participation in the amnesty program, the City will forgive past license fees dues in addition to forgiving the imposition of a late fee so long as a Pet Owner complies with the following:
  - a. The licensing application as required under this Section is delivered by the Pet Owner in person to Office of the City Clerk on or before April 30, 2009 at 4:30PM.
  - b. The Pet Owner shall provide necessary vaccination documentation along with the appropriate licensing fee to the Office of the City Clerk on or before April 30, 2009 at 4:30PM.

- c. This amnesty program shall not invalidate the prohibition against the licensing of more than three dogs to a single residence as detailed in Section (M) below.

(4) This amnesty program shall expire at 4:30PM on April 30, 2009.

Keith Rattell stated he feels it is very well put together and it should accomplish any problems.

Alderman Zygarowski asked how this will be enforced

Keith Rattell stated he has a pretty good idea as to who has not licensed their dogs and they will receive letters but the problem is there is no enforcement.

Alderman Tillotson suggested during the amnesty period the City hire someone part-time 15 hrs a week at possibly \$10.00 an hour to collect

Alderman Demers asked what will happen after the amnesty period is over

Alderman Tillotson stated the MSPCA is now closed by if dogs are caught loose and don't have a license they can be taken to Thomas J. O'Connor.

Alderman Zygarowski asked if they are taking the dog owners from the census forms

Keith Rattell answered yes, but he has also talked to a woman who is an enforcer and in a city of approximately 33,000 people there are about 3,300 dogs. Our city has about 55,000 people therefore we should have much more dogs as statistics show so we should look into getting an enforcer.

Alderman Demers stated he believes this is a start but down the road have item be brought back into committee to speak about appointing an enforcer.

Motion made to approve

Motion passed. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

#### **ITEM #4 - Miscellaneous Traffic**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Alderman of the City of Chicopee as follows: the CHAPTER 260, as amended on February 21, 1995, be further amended by adding to / ~~striking from~~ the following in schedule:

(Check Applicable)

- |     |      |                                       |
|-----|------|---------------------------------------|
| (X) | I    | Parking Regulations                   |
| ( ) | X    | Winter Parking Regulations            |
| ( ) | XI   | One-Way Streets                       |
| ( ) | XIV  | Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights |
| ( ) | XIII | Right Turn on Red                     |
| ( ) | II   | Bus Stops                             |
| ( ) |      | Other                                 |

AS FOLLOWS:     **SHABAN DRIVE**

Easterly side. 100 feet from corner facing McCarthy Avenue

**PARKING PROHIBITED HERE TO CORNER**

Motion made by Alderman Moreau to approve.  
Motion passed. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

**ITEM #5**

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Motion made by Alderman Vieau to approve.  
Motion passed. Committee Vote: 5-0 favorable

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.